

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐
no ☐

Property Name: Phillips House Inventory Number: WI-675
Address: 24459 Nanticoke Road City: Salisbury (Vicinity) Zip Code: 21851
County: Wicomico USGS Topographic Map: Eden Quad
Owner: Maryland Department of Natural Resources Is the property being evaluated a district? ☐ yes
Tax Parcel Number: _____ Tax Map Number: _____ Tax Account ID Number: _____
Project: _____ Agency: _____
Site visit by MHT Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: _____ Date: _____
Is the property located within a historic district? ☐ yes ☒ no

If the property is within a district

District Inventory Number: _____

NR-listed district ☐ yes Eligible district ☐ yes District Name: _____

Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ☐ yes ☐ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ☐

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)

Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ☐ yes ☒ no

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:
Land Records-Maryland State Archives-Annapolis,
Maryland

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The Phillips House is located in Wicomico County, near Salisbury, off of Nanticoke Road (route 349). It is part of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Chesapeake Forests land unit. The property was acquired by the State of Maryland from the Chesapeake Forest Products Co. LLC in 1999, with the intention that the land would be preserved. Around 60,000 acres of land was bought at this time in the single largest acquisition in the State's history. The Phillips property tract was just one of many acquired during this period. The Phillips house is not eligible for listing in the National Register.

The Phillips house was constructed during the late 19th century. Paul W. Crawford and Virginia Crawford, his wife, bought the land in 1889 from Noah J. Heam through the last will and testament of Noah. In the next land record from 1904, when Andrew Bounds Phillips bought the land, an improvement is listed on the land, probably indicating the construction of this house. Andrew B. Phillips had 170 acres of land that he used for the cultivation of crops, and he farmed it until 1942 when John Roberts Phillips and James Andrew Phillips bought the property as tenants in common. It appears that they also farmed the land, but how much land was in cultivation is not certain. When the Department of Natural Resources bought the land in 1999 the house had not been lived in by a member of the Phillips family for years, and was a rental.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended ☒

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Comments: _____


Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

3/30/04
Date


Reviewer, NR Program

4/1/04
Date

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The overall style of the Phillips house could be described as Victorian farmhouse. This frame constructed, T-shaped structure has a front façade that is 3 bays wide. It is two stories tall, with a sizeable attic space that contains a tripartite window. This attic window is a defining architectural feature of the house. Other windows are two over two sash, with a few that are one over one sash. The interior has sizeable rooms with nice detailing that includes: door and window architraves with bulls eye molding, bay windows, and in the center hall an ornate banister.

Unfortunately the house has not been maintained for many years, which has had a negative effect on its structural stability. The roof has been allowed to deteriorate for some time and now there are huge holes in it. Water has entered the structure for some time through these holes and the framing members have become rotten. Initially the house seemed like a good candidate for restoration under the Resident-Curatorship Program at the Department of Natural Resources, however judging from the state of decay of the structure it no longer seems like a viable candidate for restoration.

The Phillips house does not meet any of the criteria for listing in the National Register. As a typical Eastern Shore rural farmstead it is not associated with any events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of history. Although the Phillips family is a common Eastern Shore name, and the name is associated with the Phillips family who settled this area in the 17th and 18th century, the house itself, is not associated with the lives of persons significant in our past. The house is also typical of Victorian construction nationwide, and there are many similar houses like it across the Eastern Shore of Maryland. There are no artifacts to be yielded from prehistory or history that are important from this house.

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Maryland Department of Natural Resources bought from Chesapeake Forest Products Co. LLC on September 10, 1999. Liber JWS 806, Folio 253.

John Roberts Phillips, James Andrew Phillips, as Tenants in Common, bought from Andrew Bounds Phillips on July 8, 1942. Liber JWS no. 242, Folio 41.

Andrew Bounds Phillips bought from Paul W. Crawford and Virginia Crawford on March 22, 1904. Liber EAT No. 39, Folio 361. It lists improvements on land.

Paul W. Crawford and Virginia Crawford acquired the property from Noah J. Heam through the last will and testament of Noah. From the Office of Register of Wills, Salisbury, Maryland on October 8, 1889. Liber LJC No 1 Folio 73.

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Continuation Sheet No. 2

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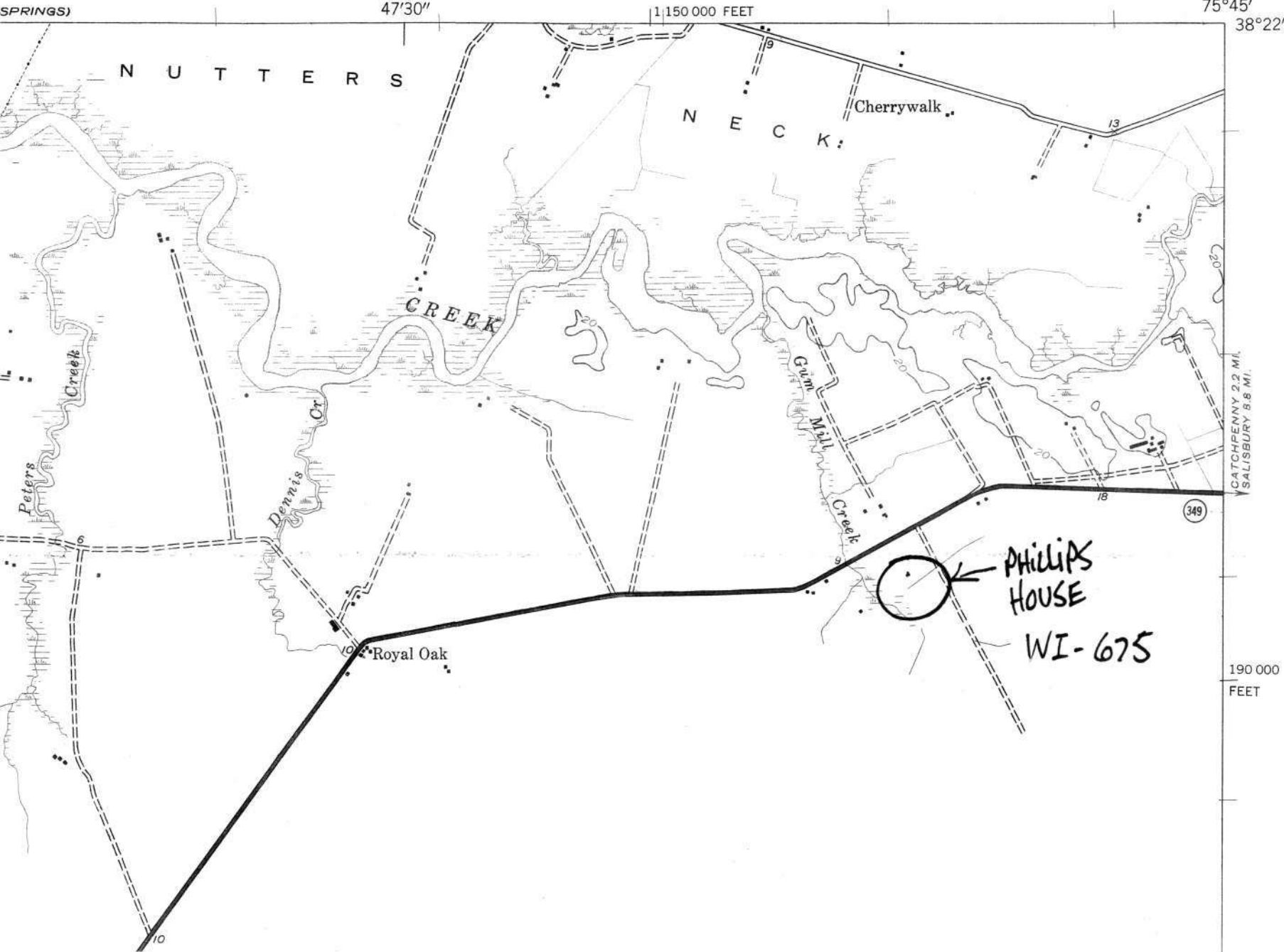
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